Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1. (Original) A message routing method, comprising:

2   (a) invoking a first service during a logical routing of a message in a message routing

3   network, said first service invocation having a first context; and

4   (b) invoking a second service during said logical routing of said message in said message

5   routing network, said second service invocation having a second context that is defined at least in

6   part by said first service.

1   2.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes an identity of an invoker service.

1   3.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes arguments to an invoked service.

1   4.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes a session identifier for said message.

1   5.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes a topic for said message.

1   6.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes billing responsibility for said invocation.

1   7.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein said message routing

2   network controls at least part of an invocation.

1   8.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in a header element of a message.

1   9.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in a body element of a message.

1   10.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in an attachment of a message.

1   11.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, further comprising restoring

2   said context, upon return from said second service invocation, to said first context.

1   12.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 1, further comprising adding a

2   returned context from said second service invocation to said restored context.

1   13.   (Original) A computer program product comprising:

2   computer-readable program code for causing a computer to invoke a first service during a

3   logical routing of a message in a message routing network, said first service invocation having a

4   first context;

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5 computer-readable program code for causing a computer to invoke a second service

6 during said logical routing of said message in said message routing network, said second service

7 invocation having a second context that is defined at least in part by said first service; and

8 a computer-usable medium configured to store the computer-readable program codes.

1 14. (Original) A message routing system, comprising:

2 a message routing network that enables message routing between a plurality of services,

3 wherein said routing is based on a logical routing of said message that is effected through a

4 sequence of invocations among said plurality of services, wherein a context of an invocation is

5 defined at least in part by an invoking service, wherein upon return from a service invocation,

6 said message routing network restores a message context to a context state of an invoking service

7 of said service invocation.

1 15. (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context of an·

2 invocation is defined at least in part by a header of a message.

1 16. (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context to an

2 invocation includes an identity of an invoker service.

1 17. (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context to an

2 invocation includes arguments to an invoked service.

1 18. (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context to an

2 invocation includes a session identifier for said message.

1   19.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes a topic for said message.

1   20.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes billing responsibility for said invocation.

1   21.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein said message routing

2   network controls at least part of an invocation.

1   22.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein said logical routing

2   occurs prior to a physical routing of a message.

1   23.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein at least part of said

2   logical routing occurs after initiation of a physical routing of a message.

1   24.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein physical routing of a

2   message occurs at identified points during said logical routing.

1   25.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in a header element of a message.

1   26.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in a body element of a message.

1   27.   (Original) The message routing system of claim 14, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is included at least in part in an attachment of a message.

1   28.   (Original) A message routing method, comprising:

2   (a) invoking a first service that receives only logical delivery of an application message,

3   said application message received over a public network, wherein said first service invocation

4   has a first context defined at least in part by a first invoking service;

5   (b) invoking a second service, said second service invocation having a second context

6   that is defined at least in part by said first service, wherein said second service invocation is

7   managed by a message routing network on behalf of said first service; and

8   (c) delivering said message having said second context to said second service over said

9   public network.

1   29.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context of an

2   invocation is defined at least in part by a header of a message.

1   30.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes an identity of an invoker service.

1   31.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes arguments to an invoked service.

1   32.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes a session identifier for said message.

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1   33.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes a topic for said message.

1   34.   (Original) The message routing method of claim 28, wherein a context to an

2   invocation includes billing responsibility for said invocation.